

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, following the title of the invention, please replace the previously submitted priority statement with the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national-stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of international PCT Application No. PCT/US03/21706, filed July 11, 2003, entitled "FLEA AND TICK OCTOPAMINE RECEPTOR NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES"; which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/426,601, filed November 15, 2002, entitled "TICK OCTOPAMINE RECEPTOR NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES, PROTEINS AND USES THEREOF"; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/319,402, filed July 17, 2002, entitled "FLEA OCTOPAMINE RECEPTOR NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES"; all of which are incorporated by reference herein.--